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REBELS AMBUSH TRAIN, KILL ESCORT AND PASSENGERS

Terrible Scenes During Attack on Cars, Which Are Riddled by Bullets, and Panic Follows—Battle Near Ojinaja.

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mexico, December 30.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Rebels attacked a passenger train near here yesterday at the little station of Ipinia, derailed the engine and looted the cars, after a desperate fight with the escort of soldiers on the train.

Details of the fight indicate that the rebels were in force and ambushed the train, after removing a rail. Thirty soldiers of the escort were killed and eighteen others are missing, and it is feared they have been taken into the hills as prisoners.

During the fighting the cars were riddled with bullets and a number of the passengers were killed. There was a panic among the women and children on board the train.

DESPERATE BATTLE ALONG BORDER LINE

PRESIDIO, Texas, December 30.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Following up the Federal forces under General Orozco, who retreated recently from Chihuahua, the army of General Pancho Villa yesterday attacked the Federal forces which had fortified themselves at Ojinaja and inflicted a partial defeat upon them in the first stage of the battle.

Four hundred fugitives crossed the border, but later returned to the Mexican side and joined in a determined effort to push back the Constitutionalist forces, which are estimated at 4200. In the second stage of the battle the Federal forces recovered their main position by a determined attack and are holding their ground.

The casualties are reported severe and eye-witnesses of the fighting assert that the hills and brush near Ojinaja are filled with the dead and wounded of both armies, who are scattered about where the fighting was most desperate.

Many civilians from the Mexican side have crossed the border to escape from the rebels. It is expected that the fighting will be resumed today or tomorrow.

COL. GORGAS FOR SURGEON GENERAL, IS THE REPORT

WASHINGTON, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Col. W. C. Gorgas, the sanitation expert of the Panama Canal, is now most prominently mentioned to succeed Surgeon General Torney of the United States Army, who died last Saturday. The matter rests entirely with the discretion of the President. Colonel Gorgas is now in South Africa.

SISTER WILL INHERIT WEALTH OF CARDINAL

ROME, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—The seals from the apartments of the late Cardinal Rampolla, formerly papal secretary of state, were removed today and a search made for his will. Later his sister filed a will dated in 1889, which makes her his sole heir.

TRAIN ROBBER DECIDES HE DON'T LIKE TO HANG

LOS ANGELES, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Ralph Fariss, the train robber who was sentenced to death last Friday for killing a traveling man in a train hold-up near El Monte recently, has decided to make a fight for his life in the higher courts. He had pleaded guilty at his trial.

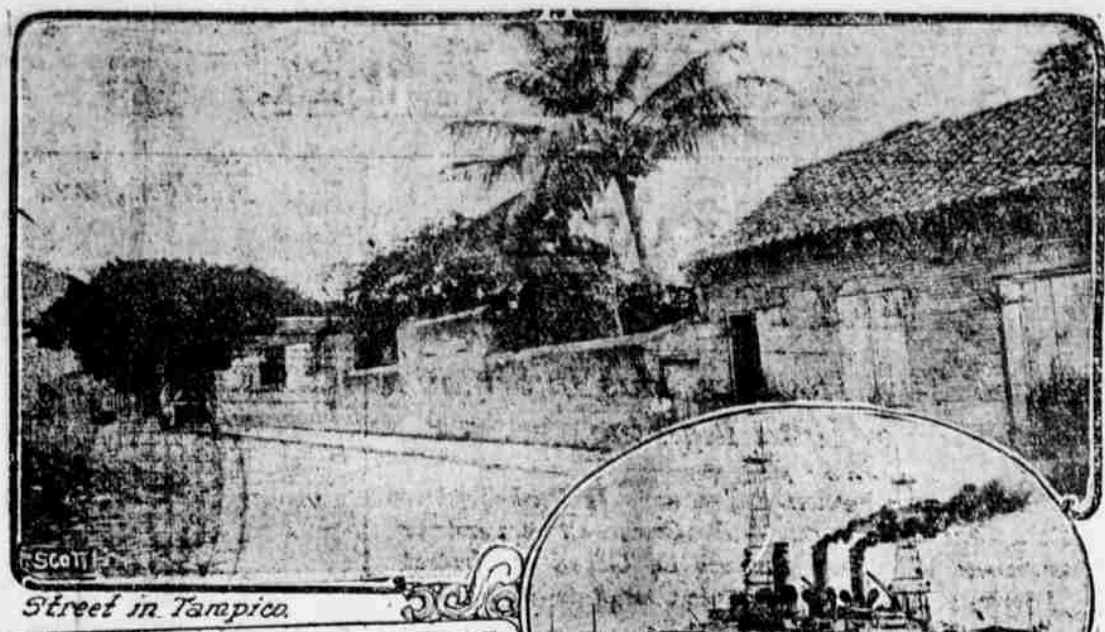
WOULD CONSERVE RADIUM

WASHINGTON, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Secretary of the Interior Lane proposes to withdraw all public lands containing radium and utilize the output for the public health service, conserving it scientifically. His proposal has attracted wide attention.

NO WATER TO FIGHT FIRE

MONTREAL, Canada, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—A half-million-dollar fire wiped havoc here today, the flames being unable to get water to fight the flames until they had stretched a half mile of hose to the St. Lawrence River. The water supply is still unobtainable, and it will be a question of two or three days before service is obtained.

Where Rebels and Federals Are Contending for Prize



Street in Tampico

KEALOHA COMES TO THE RESCUE

Indicted Supervisor Will Head Demand Now For Finish Of Hawaii Audit.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)
HILLO, December 28.—The completion of the Cooling Field audit will be paid for by the County of Hawaii. In spite of the fact that the insertion into the budget of the \$3000 item asked for by the protest commission was defeated by the board of supervisors at its last meeting, a resolution will be introduced at the next meeting of the board, providing for the appropriation of the money needed for the audit.

As three supervisors voted for the item at the last meeting, namely L. L. Mann, Yates and Pritchard, only one more vote is necessary to carry the appropriation.

The one vote which is needed to make the continuation of the audit possible will be furnished by Supervisor John Kealoa.

Public Statement.
The Advertiser correspondent has in his possession a statement written by Kealoa, under date Wednesday, December 24, and signed by him, as follows:

"To the Public.—Concerning the proposed appropriation suggested to be made by the board of supervisors of the County of Hawaii, I desire to make public my attitude concerning the same, and have to state as follows:

"I am heartily in favor of an appropriation of the sum of \$3,000.00 or such further amount as may be necessary, to complete a thorough audit of the county finances, and shall, at the next meeting of the board of supervisors, introduce a resolution towards that end.

"I did not vote in favor of the suggested appropriation at the last meeting of the board, as I did not know that the matter was to be presented at that time and had no time to consider the matter; moreover I felt that the appropriation should be taken up at a regular meeting.

"After looking into the matter, I find that there is a general demand that the audit be completed, and I feel it my duty as a member of the board of supervisors to comply with such demand. Respectfully,

"JNO. A. KEALOHA,
"Supervisor, N. & S. Hilo."

His Own Ideas.
Emphasis has been laid in the above on the date on which the letter was handed to The Advertiser correspondent, namely Wednesday, December 24. The date is of importance in view of the fact that it shows that, whatever may have been Kealoa's motive in voting the stand which he has taken, it is patent that the idea is his own, and that he was not prompted by the exercise of persuasion or influence. As a matter of fact, as Kealoa last Wednesday, when he went on record as shown, took the stand which rebuffs the County of Hawaii from the burden of disfigure which the action of the majority of the board hesitated upon it at the last meeting, it seems hardly fair to look behind his action for any ignoble motive.

It is true that it was thought that Kealoa, the man with the multitude of indictments against him, would be the last man to vote for the audit, still, he will do so.

It is universally ungrateful to look a gift horse in the mouth. Kealoa has promised to give the county the audit.

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Wireless Rates Will be Cut Mutual Anticipating Fight

What is believed to be the forerunner of a three-cornered fight in which the Marconi Company, possibly the Federal Wireless Telegraph Company and the Mutual Telephone Company will take part was indicated yesterday in an announcement by the Mutual, that beginning February 1, substantial reduction in tolls for messages to island points will go into effect. One important concession, according to those who have business with the company, is that doing away with the minimum charge now in force.

At present the Mutual is the only wireless system operating between the islands, but with the Marconi plant nearing completion and the Federal plant undergoing elaborate improvements a change in these conditions is looked for.

Hawaiian Tobacco Much in Demand Kona Crop Sells for Record Prices

Hawaiian tobacco is coming into its own in the markets of the world, as evidenced by encouraging returns received the latter part of last week by Jared G. Smith, the Kona tobacco grower. The figures show that his crop has brought an average of ten cents a pound in advance of that received for the 1912 product, with a good demand for the entire shipment.

The reports received by Mr. Smith from his commission agents in New York show that up to December 10 they had disposed of thirty-one bales and ten cases of his tobacco. The sales were at twenty-five, thirty-five, forty,

forty-five, fifty and sixty cents a pound. The average for the entire lot was thirty-five cents per pound.

All the tobacco is of the wrapper quality and according to Mr. Smith's reports the demand for the Hawaiian product is steadily increasing. It is confident that when Hawaiian tobacco becomes better known the demand will be very large. The Kona wrapper is light, silky and elastic and works up with very little waste.

Samples of the Kona Tobacco Company's 1913 crop are said to be of very fine quality and cannot be distinguished from the shade-grown and Sumatra types, so much in demand in the manufacture of high grade cigars.

BULLET IS REMOVED FROM BODY OF MOYER

CHICAGO, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Successfully operating on Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who was shot in Chicago, Michigan, when he was taken from a place last week, surgeons last evening removed a bullet from within half an inch of the victim's spine. Moyer is now resting easily in a local hospital.

From all over the country labor unions are protesting against the deportation of Moyer and Charles Taylor, another official of the federation, and arguing that an investigation be conducted by the federal government.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERU IS FATAL AND DESTRUCTIVE

LIMA, Peru, December 30.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Reports from the Province of Ayacucho tell of a destructive earthquake there in which two persons lost their lives and many were injured. Many houses throughout the province were destroyed.

GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR TEN MILLIONS

CHICAGO, December 30.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Seit was committed in this city yesterday in the federal court against the Quaker Oats Company by the government, which asks a total fine of \$10,000,000 as a penalty for alleged violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

THREE REGIMENTS REVOLT IN NAME OF SUN YAT SEN

PEKING, China, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Three regiments of infantry, belonging to General Yang Hu-fu of the government forces, revolted near the Burmese border, and their officers and men are in a campaign, killing several students and one Chinese professor of a local college, following which they proclaimed the independence of the province of Yunnan and its adherence to Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

HONOLULU WILL ARRIVE AT NINE O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Kahuku wireless settled all doubt as to the arrival of the steamer Honolulu shortly after 9 o'clock last night, when it got into communication with that vessel. The steamer reported being 318 miles off port with smooth seas and everybody aboard, including Governor Pinkham, in good health and enjoying the voyage. The Honolulu will reach port at nine o'clock tonight.

LITTLE HOPE OF REVIVING BOXING

Federal Code Is Far Reaching Against Glove Contests—No One Will Fight Uncle Sam.

Brigadier General Funston, in command of the Hawaiian Department, stated last evening that while he had not looked into the federal code governing prize fights or boxing matches, he believed that such a law, if it was there, should be enforced. It was possible, he thought, that there might be some distinction made between amateur boxing by members of a company and a contest where gate receipts or a champion ship was fought for.

Here in Hawaii, however, it seems to me that the law made by congress must be implicitly obeyed by the army, which owes its existence and government to congress, and I see no reason why the federal law should be disobeyed by the army," said General Funston.

Some people call it boxing, others call it prize fighting, while others call it pugilism. District Attorney Jeff McCarra says any one of the three is a violation of the federal code and with the assurance on his part that he will tolerate no violations of the law it looks like "good night" and "good bye" to the staging of exhibitions of the many art of self-defense, a few scathing remarks about laws which take away a man's pleasure, if the watching of two men battering each other can be called pleasure.

In speaking of the position taken by the district attorney in the matter one of those fellows who has made his living around the fight game since he graduated out of knickerbockers, said he did not care so much that fighting was paid, but he hoped the law would find a way to reach many of the other scoundrel sports.

Old Timer Will Quit.
"Do you know," said the old timer, "that prize fighting is not one-half as brutal a sport as football. Look over the records of men killed and injured in the boxing game and then over the records of those killed and injured in football and the former does not come anywhere near up to the list of fatalities on the gridiron. Still, prize fighting is a violation of the law and now that Mr. McCarra is going to enforce an infraction of the same, believe me, I shall be among those absent when there is any attempt to pull off a scrap."

Whether the law regarding pugilistic encounters will be as far reaching as to prevent any and all kinds of contests with the gloves remains to be seen, but from the opinions of men who have studied the law the staging of an amateur boxing show would bring the principals under prosecution.

As the section reads it is unlawful for two men to engage in a contest, whether with or without gloves, for money, prizes, any championship or anything of value where an admission fee is charged, directly or indirectly. This means that if two amateurs donned the gloves to contest for a medal they would be liable to arrest under the provisions of the act.

Verily as the act is construed and from the stand taken by the district attorney that he will tolerate no infraction of the law it strongly points to the ultimate end of boxing, prizefighting, or whatever you want to call it in the islands of Hawaii.

What Will Promoter Do?
While it is understood that there will be an exhibition of sparring at one of the local theaters next month and two men who will take part in the main event are in training, it looks as if the series of boxing bouts at Schiefel's barracks on the night of December 23, were the last scraps, local or amateur fans will witness for many years to come.

District Attorney McCarra is to make no move whether the law was violated that night or not, for he did not witness the contests, and then again he states that he does not know whether they were prizefights or not. And moreover he quotes that it would not be fair to pick out the promoters and (Continued on Page Three)

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE IN WRECK

Steamer Tasman Goes Ashore In Gulf Of Papua With Madam Nordica and Panama-Pacific Exposition Commissioners On Board, Who Were Bound For Batavia On Island of Java, From Australia.

REPORTED STEAMER WILL BE TOTAL LOSS

Number of American Passengers On Tasman Recently Passed Through Honolulu—Madam Nordica May Soothe Savage Head Hunters With Her Songs—Arranging For Rescue.

MELBOURNE, Australia, December 30.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—News received here by wireless last night that the Dutch steamer Tasman was wrecked yesterday in the Gulf of Papua and will probably become a total loss, has created something of a sensation, on account of the many prominent people who were passengers on her, bound for Batavia.

Among the Americans on the steamer were Madam Nordica and Commissioners Alvah Adams, Major Cloman and Thomas Stallsmith, for the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, with their wives, all of whom passed through Honolulu recently on their way to this city, continuing their journey to Batavia together on the Tasman.

Meager details of the wreck have been received at this time, but it is understood that the steamer ran ashore in the Gulf during a fog. The Gulf of Papua is a dangerous place, as the ocean currents there sweep north of the island of Timor and among the numerous coral islets. The shore of the Gulf is populated for the most part with head-hunters, many of whom are cannibals.

Arrangements will probably be made to send assistance to the wrecked passengers and crew at once. No record of any fatalities has been received and the passengers are believed to be in no danger aboard the stranded steamer.

AEROPLANE ENGINES ON ANTARCTIC SLEDGES

LONDON, December 30.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—New methods of conquering the Antarctic ice floes have been announced by Capt. Ernest Shackleton, who starts next year for the South Pole with a well equipped expedition.

Captain Shackleton states that an effort will be made to reach the Pole on a quick journey performed on sledges driven by motor power, supplied by aeroplane engines and attachment.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HEALTH IS BETTER

PASS CHRISTIAN, Mississippi, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—President Wilson's health, somewhat strained by the fatigue of the long sessions of congress, is rapidly improving with his holiday rest here.

QUEEN DOWAGER DYING

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, December 29.—(By Associated Press Cable.)—Reports were in circulation last evening that the Queen Dowager Sophia of Sweden is dying. All members of the royal family are gathering at the palace.